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1. FOLLOWING IS BIO DATA EMBASSY AND CONSULATES HAVE DEVELOPED TO DATE ON PEOPLE LISTED REFTEL A. THERE IS NO GOB DECISION YET ON COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION TO CARACAS.

2. MURILO SOUTO MAIOR DE CASTRO. CAPTIAN SOUTO MAIOR, 49 YEARS OLD, IS CONSIDERED INTELLIGENT AND APPEARS COMPETENT, WITH A HISTORY OF COMMAND ASSIGNMENTS. CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE CHIEF OF THE NAVAL GENERAL STAFF, SOUTO MAIOR HAS FOR SOME YEARS BEEN THE BRAZILIAN NAVY'S PRINCIPAL LOS REPRESENTATIVE. A PROFESSED ADMIRER OF THE U.S., SOUTO MAIOR HAS DECLARED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM REGARDING FREE PASSAGE OF U.S. NAVAL VESSELS THROUGH BRZILIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, BUT THAT MAINTENANCE OF THE 200- MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS LIMIT IS ESSENTIAL TO BRAZILIAN DEVELOPMENT. U.S. ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE, WHO KNOWS HIM WELL, BELIEVES HE PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE GOB ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION. SOUTO MAIOR READS, WRITES, AND UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH COMPETENTLY, BUT SPEAKS IT POORLY.

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3. PAULO MARTINS. 43 YEARS OLD, MARTINS WAS RECENTLY

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN AND ELEVATED TO SUCCEED SOUTO MAIOR AS CHIEF OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ON THE NAVAL GENERAL STAFF: MARTINS HAD WORKED IN THAT OFFICE FOR THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS. HAVING WORKED FOR HE LAST TWO YEARS ON LOS AFFAIRS, MARTINS IS APPARENTLY BEING GROOMED TO REPLACE SOUTO MAIOR AS THE NAVY'S PRINCIPAL LOS REPRESENTATIVE WHEN THE LATTER IS RE-ASSIGNED. MARTINS IS A SUB-SPECIALIST IN HYDROGRAPHY. HE READS ENGLISH, BUT DOES NOT WRITE OR SPEAK IT.

4. JOAO CLEMENTE BAENA SOARES. RECENTLY APPOINTED HEAD OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTER BAENA SOARES POINTED TO THAT FACT IN REFRAINING FROM SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT IN A MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. IN THAT MEETING, HE OPTED FOR PORTUGUESE, BUT HE STUDIED ENGLISH IN THE EARLY 50'S, AND SERVED IN BRAZIL'S UN MISSION FROM 1968 TO 1970. MORE RECENTLY HE SERVED IN THE OFFICE ON THE PRESIDENCY.

5. CARLOS ALBERTO LEITE BARBOSA. BORN IN 1935, LEITE BARBOSA SERVED FROM 1962 TO 1965 IN LOS ANGELES. NOW ASSIGNED TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, HE IS ONE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PRINCIPAL ACTION OFFICERS ON LOS.

6. EVALDO CABRAL DE MELLO. 38 YEARS OLD, CABRAL DE MELLO HAS SPENT VIRTUALLY ALL OF HIS ELEVEN CAREER YEARS IN EITHER WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, GENEVA, OR IN UN AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY, AND HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH. HIS RECORD OF ASSOCIATION WITH LOS IS EXTENSIVE, AND HE IS CURRENTLY ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL LOS ACTION OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRY. HE HAS TOLD US THAT HE "PERSONALLY" FEELS IT WAS "UNFORTUNATE" THAT BRAZIL ADOPTED A 200-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT, A MOVE HE ASCRIBES AT LEAST PARTIALLY TO THE ABSENCE AT THE TIME OF THE MORE SOPHISTICATED CONCEPTS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED SINCE. HE HAS ALSO SAID THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE CERTAIN ELEMENTS (WHICH HE IDENTIFIED AS MILITARY) THAT FOR BRAZIL TO CHANGE ITS POSITION WOULD NOT REPRESENT A WEAKENING.

7. ALUYSIO LEITE CESARINO. BORN IN 1931, ALUYSIO ENTERED
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THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY IN 1948. NOW A LIEUTENANT COLONEL, HE IS A LOGISTICS OFFICER ON THE AIR GENERAL STAFF. HIS CAREER HAS INCLUDED ASW TRAINING IN THE U.S. AND FIGHTER CONTROLLER TRAINING IN THE U.K.

8. FRANCISCO RAJA GABAGLIA DE OLIVEIRA TOLEDO, IN HIS EARLY 30'S, IS CHIEF OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGY AND STATISTICS AT THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED MINERAL RESOURCES RESEARCH COMPANY.

HE STUDIED IN MICHIGAN AS A HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT AND RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMIC GEOLOGY FROM OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1968. AS A RESULT, HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. TOLEDO WENT TO JAPAN LAST YEAR FOR A SYMPOSIUM ON ASPECTS OF CONTINENTAL SHELF OWNERSHIP, DEPOSITS, AND GEOLOGY. IN CONVERSATION WITH A U.S. OFFICIAL, HE DESCRIBED THE DEVELOPING BRAZILIAN APPROACH ON LIMITS AS "MULTI-PURPOSE," I.E., BRAZIL WOULD ACCEPT DIFFERENT LIMITS FOR DIFFERENT USES OF THE SEAS. HE SAID THE CARACAS MEETING WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BRAZIL TO LAY DOWN ITS POSITION AND EXAMINE THOSE OF OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS, ACCORDING TO TOLEDO, WERE NOT EXPECTED UNTIL LATER CONFERENCES. TOLEDO ALSO SAW A PROBLEM IN GETTING ALL INTERESTED GOB AGENCIES TO AGREE, PARTICULARLY THE NAVY, WHICH IS SENSITIVE TO SECURITY ASPECTS OF A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION.

9. PAULO JACKSON MORGADO DE CASTRO IS A GEOPHYSICAL ENGINEER IN THE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT OF PETROBRAS, THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PETROLEUM COMPANY. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AS YET AVAILABLE ON HIM, NOR ON PEREIRA TRAVASSOS OR PINTO PAIVA.
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